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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT FRG ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN

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SUMMARY: WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED ADDITIONAL REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND FRENCH AS TO SOVIET DEMARCHE IN LONDON AND PARIS PARALLELING VORONTSOV'S APRIL 4 CALL ON ASST SEC HARTMAN. FRENCH, AS A RESULT OF CHERVONENKO--DESTREMAU MEETING APRIL 4 AND OF REPORTS ON SOVIET DEMARCHES IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON, WERE PREPARED FOR CHERVONENKO WHEN HE CALLED ON QUAI SEC GEN COURCEL APRIL 8, WHO MADE WHAT PARIS CONSIDERS AS ONLY REPLY NECESSARY FROM FRENCH. IN LONDON, MINISTER OF STATE ENNALS IN FCO TOLD SOVIET AMBASSADOR LUNKOV THAT HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF, BUT HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON, DEMARCHE. FCO HAS REQUESTED THAT REPLY BE DEVELOPED IN BONN GROUP. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH, BRITISH, AND AMERICAN BONN GROUP REPS MET TRIPARTITELY APRIL 11 TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL REPORTS JUST
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RECEIVED FROM PARIS AND LONDON ON SOVIET DEMARCHES

REGARDING LORENZ CASE ACTIVITIES OF FRG. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID THAT TEXT WHICH SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO HAD READ TO QUAI SEC GEN COURCEL IN APRIL 8 CALL SEEMED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH TEXT LEFT IN DEPARTMENT APRIL 4 BY VORONTSOV, EXCEPT THAT ADDITIONAL PART ON CHIRAC'S TRIP TO USSR HAD BEEN ADDED FOR PARIS. CHERVONENKO DID NOT REPEAT NOT LEAVE COPY AT QUAI. BOISSIEU SAID THAT SINCE COURCEL HAD HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE FOR SOVIET DEMARCHE AS A RESULT OF APRIL 4 CHERVONENKO-DESTREMAU MEETING (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL A) AND BECAUSE OF REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON AND LONDON ON SOVIET DEMARCHES THERE, COURCEL WAS ABLE TO REBUT SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S POINTS ON THE SPOT. COURCEL SAID THAT NEITHER TRIPS TO WSB BY FRG OFFICIALS NOR REINFORCEMENT OF WSB POLICE FROM FRG COULD BE INTERPRETED AS EXERCISE OF DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY BY FRG OVER WSB. THE ADDITIONAL POLICE WERE UNDER COMMAND OF WSB POLICE CHIEF. ALL ACTS OF AUTHORITY IN CASE HAD BEEN TAKEN BY WSB AUTHORITIES AND BY THE ALLIES AND NOT BY FRG AUTHORITIES. THERE WAS, THEREFORE, NO BASIS FOR SAYING THAT QA HAS BEEN VIOLATED; FRG AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT GONE BEYOND PROVISIONS OF PART II B OF QA. REGARDING BUBACK, COURCEL REFERRED TO CLARIFYING STATEMENT RELEASED BY WSB JUSTICE SENATOR'S OFFICE. COURCEL EMPHASIZED HE HOPED ABOVE INFO WOULD CONVINCE SOVIETS THAT RELEVANT QA PROVISIONS HAD BEEN FULLY OBSERVED THROUGHOUT LORENZ CASE. CHERVONENKO RESPONDED THAT INTERPRETATION OF FACTS WAS DIFFERENT BETWEEN COURCEL AND HIMSELF AND REQUESTED COURCEL TO REPORT COMPLAINT TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. BOISSIEU SAID PARIS HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FURTHER REPLY TO CHERVONENKO NOT NECESSARY. QUAI BELIEVES COURCEL HAD SAID ALL THAT WAS NEEDED, AND AMBASSADOR WORMSER HAD ALSO BEEN ENGAGED ON SUBJECT WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV ON APRIL 4 IN BERLIN. FURTHER, SINCE NO PAPER LEFT BY SOVIETS AT QUAI, THERE WAS NO NEED TO MAKE MORE FORMAL REPLY IN PARIS.

3. UK REP (CULLIMORE) SAID LONDON BELIEVED, THOUGH NO PAPER LEFT BY SOVIETS IN LONDON EITHER, THAT AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIAL

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LUNKOV'S STATEMENT TO ENNALS ON APRIL 4 WAS IDENTICAL OR VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF VORONTSOV IN WASHINGTON. ENNALS REPLY HAD BEEN THAT HE WOULD TAKE NOTE BUT HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. ENNALS ADDED THAT KIDNAPPING WAS SERIOUS AND HMG WAS SHOCKED WHEN IT HAPPENED BUT RELIEVED AT LORENZ' RELEASE. CULLIMORE SAID UK WILL REPLY, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT LEAVING PAPER SINCE SOVIETS HAD NOT LEFT ONE IN LONDON, AND HE AGREED TEXT FOR USE

BY US AND UK SHOULD BE DEVELOPED QUICKLY.

4. US REP REFERRED TO INSTRUCTIONS REPORTED AT EARLIER BONN GROUP MEETING (REFTEL B) AND SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS GREAT VALUE IN ALLIES RESPONDING TO LIKE SOVIET PROTESTS IN LIKE MANNER. UK REP AGREED, AND SUGGESTED

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USING COURCEL'S REPLY AS BASIS OF US/UK RESPONSE. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, PRESENT SITUATION ON MATTER SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A) SOVIET TEXT DELIVERED IN THREE CAPITALS IDENTICAL OR NEARLY SO;

B) PARIS CONSIDERS THAT FRENCH REPLY WAS MADE ON SPOT AT TIME OF DEMARCHE AND SEES NO VALUE IN CONTINUING MATTER IN PARIS;

C) US AND UK SEE NEED FOR OWN REPLIES;

D) US AND UK RESPONSES SHOULD BE IDENTICAL, AND ON SAME BASIS IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO

FOLLOW LINE TAKEN BY FRENCH; AND
E) CAPITALS ARE BEST PLACE FOR REPLIES OF US AND
UK, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF FRENCH SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: AS NOTED ABOVE, IT SEEMS TO US THAT LINE
ALREADY TAKEN BY FRENCH WITH SOVIETS ON MATTER SHOULD BE
BASICALLY FOLLOWED IN US/UK REPLY, NOT ONLY TO KEEP SOLID
FRONT BUT ALSO BECAUSE LINE IS A SOUND ONE. WE AND
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